

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17 are pending and at issue in the application with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 16 has been cancelled. As a result, 1 independent claim remains in the application as previously paid for, and 16 total claims remain in the application as previously paid for. This response is being timely filed with a two-month extension of time and fee. The applicant believes no additional fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested.

The official action rejected claims 1-15 and 17 as anticipated by Whewell (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0043754). The official action objected to claim 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The applicant greatly appreciates and thanks the examiner for the indication of allowability. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 16. Accordingly, the allowability of claim 16, as indicated in the action, causes claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom to be in allowable form.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form, in an effort to advance this application towards allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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